



# Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



## **Basic Security and Guard Duty**



# References



- **FM-22-6 Guard Duty**
- **Military Police Lesson HP04-1.1**
- **Military Police Lesson HP04-1.2**



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# 1. Individual Responsibility



## General Order #1

***I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.***





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## General Order #2

***I will obey my special orders  
and perform all of my duties  
in a military manner.***



# 1. Individual Responsibility



## General Order #3

***I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies, and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.***



## 2. Terminology



- ***Commanding Officer:*** commands installation, organization, unit, garrison, or bivouac.
- ***Field Officer of the Day:*** field grade officer detailed as the personal representative of the commanding officer.
- ***Officer of the Day:*** acting directly under commanding officer or field officer of the day, who is responsible on a given day for the execution of all orders for guard duty.







## 2. Terminology



• ***Commander of the Guard:*** senior officer or NCO, next junior to the officer of the day, responsible for the instruction, discipline, and performance of duty of the guard.



• ***Sergeant of the Guard:*** senior NCO who supervises the enlisted members and is responsible to the commander of the guard.

• ***Relief Commander(s):*** next senior NCO(s) of the guard





## 2. Terminology



• ***Main Guard:*** subgroup of interior guard of a post or unit; patrol and protect the personnel, buildings, and equipment.

• ***Fixed Post System:*** assigning sentinels at specific spots.

• ***Guard:*** a special unit responsible to the officer of the day for the security of an installation or area; or individual responsible for general orders and/or special orders - also known as a sentry, sentinel, guard, or lookout.





## 2. Terminology



• ***Guard's Post:*** area for which a guard is responsible; performs the duties required by (1) general and (2) special orders.

• ***Supernumerary:*** An extra member of the guard who is used when needed to replace a guard or perform duties prescribed by local directives.

• ***Guardhouse:*** A building, tent, or other location that serves as headquarters for troops detailed for interior guard duty







## 2. Terminology



- ***Challenge:*** process for ascertaining the friendly or hostile character or identity of another, e.g.,: “Halt, who is there?”
- ***Countersign:*** secret challenge and its password(s); issued from command HQ to aid guards in identifying personnel.
  - (1) ***Challenge:*** first word or part of the countersign
  - (2) ***Password:*** word or sound used to reply to a challenge.
  - (3) ***Parole:*** special password used as a check on the countersign.





### 3. Guard Duty



#### ***WHAT***

- **Defined by TWO types of orders:  
(1) general orders, and  
(2) special orders**
- **Secure personnel, equipment and facilities**
- **Control access to disaster areas**
- **Provide a show of force to deter criminal actions**
- **Supports the National Guard and law enforcement**





## 3. Guard Duty



### ***HOW***

- **Provide less-than-lethal security**
- **No power of arrest (unless deputized)**
- **Depend on the cooperation of citizens**





## 3. Guard Duty



### ***HOW***

- ***Access Control:***

- Identifying persons allowed to enter an area, permitting those authorized to enter, and excluding those who are not authorized.
- Used to control who enters an area after an event, often in form of roadblocks.
- Important for emergency management facilities, including operations centers and communications centers.







### 3. Guard Duty



#### ***HOW***

- ***Foot Patrol:***

- **Sweep through areas**
- **Allow checks of individual buildings and check identity/welfare of persons**
- **Use observation to cover as much ground as possible**
- **Do not allow to be trapped in areas from which retreat is impossible**
- **One patrol member should always be observing behind the patrol**





### 3. Guard Duty



#### ***HOW***

##### ***•Mounted Patrol:***

- Sweep through areas in which roadways are passable**
- Must always have at least two vehicles with at least two people in each vehicle.**
- Each crew member must be assigned an area to scan**
- Tail vehicle must always have one person scanning behind the patrol.**





### 3. Guard Duty



#### ***WHEN***

- **Emergency operations centers from the start of operations**
- **After the actual disaster occurs**
- **Continues when people begin to reenter the area**







### 3. Guard Duty



#### ***SAFETY***

- **Numbers for strong, uniformed presence**
- **Minimum size for any task is a team**
- **Reliable communications**
- **Must support requests rapidly**
- **Communications with law enforcement**
- **Ready to pull back & call for armed help**
- **Never where help is unavailable**
- **Not sole security force for area/facility**





## 4. Interior Guard



- **Detailed by installation commanders to protect property and enforce regulations.**
- **Installation commander responsible for the interior guard of the installation**
- **The elements are classified according to their purpose.**
- **Include the main guard & special guards.**
- **Main guard consists of a combination of patrols and fixed posts.**
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## 5. Exterior Guard



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## 6. Main Guard



- **Consists of patrols, fixed posts, reserve.**
- **Patrols and/or fixed posts may be used.**
- **Consists of one officer of the day; one or more commanders of the guard; one or more sergeants of the guard; a relief commander for each relief; and the necessary number of guards.**
- **Guards for routine daytime duty usually fewer than night, Sundays, & holidays.**
- **Assistant commander of the guard and an assistant sergeant may be needed for more supervision and control.**





## 7. Patrol System



- **Used in the main guard when practicable and when guarding large areas.**
- **Motor transportation whenever possible.**
- **Checked by time-clocks, periodic reports by telephone, in person, or other means.**
- **Patrols are quartered together.**
- **Wire or radio communication between patrols and the guardhouse.**
- **Regulations of patrol elements of the guard are published by the commanding officer to suit local conditions.**





## 7. Patrol System



- **Daily tour for each patrol is ordinarily from 6 to 8 hours, and each relief is inspected before going on duty.**
- **Patrols move directly to their post, from the guardhouse.**
- **One patrol relieves another by meeting at a particular point at a prearranged time.**
- **Patrol relieved reports back to the guardhouse immediately.**





# 8. Additional Resources



FM 22-6

FIELD MANUAL

## GUARD DUTY

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- **FM 22-6 Guard Duty**
- **FM 3-19.30 Physical security**
- **STP 19-95B1-SM Soldier's Manual  
MOS Military Police Skill Level 1.**



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## **Questions?**